Low Occupancy of Godowns of the Central Warehousing Corporation

*128. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is low occupancy of a number of godowns of the Central Warehousing Corporation throughout the Country; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) and (b) The Central Warehousing Corporation is operating at 487 centres as on 30-6-1990 with a total capacity of 66.48 lakh tonnes. Against this capacity the utilisation was to the extent of 55.84 lakh tonnes on 30-6-1990 or 84 per cent of the capacity. There are, however, a few warehouses of the Central Warehousing Corporation all over the country which were having less than 50 per cent occupancy on the same date. The years of 1987 and 1988 were drought years for the country and therefore the foodgrain stocks got depleted substantially. The effect was felt in 1988-89 as well as part of 1989-90 also. This had an adverse impact on the occupancy, as around 40 per cent of the godown space of CWC is occupied by foodgrains. Further, in some parts of the country, private warehouses came into existence almost during this period which too have an adverse effect on the business of CWC in regard to fertilisers.

Bipartite Meeting to Draft the New Industrial Relations Bill

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SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bipartite meetings held so far between the management and the trade union representatives to draft the New Industrial Relations Bill;

(b) what are the details of each meeting including the date of meeting representatives attended and matters discussed;

(c) whether any discussion was also held on the question of trade union recognition; if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any conclusion has since been arrived at;

(e) what is Government response to the concept of one union in industry through secret ballot; and

(f) what is the reaction of trade union representatives and the management representatives to this concept?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (f) The bipartite committee constituted on the 8th May, 1990 in pursuance of the recommendations made by the Indian Labour Conference at its 29th Session held on 21st and 22nd April, 1990 to formulate specific proposals for a new industrial relations law has held 7 meeting involving 13 sittings by the end of July, 1990. The meetings were